

ALL SHIPPING FOR HOLLAND HELD UP

WARSHIPS DISPLAYING UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THE NORTH SEA.

ITALY SENDS AN ULTIMATUM

Embodies in General Terms Conditions Which Must Prevail if Rome Is to Stay Out of the War.

Amsterdam.—The following official statement was issued in behalf of the British government:

"All shipping between Holland and the United Kingdom is stopped for the time being. No ships will leave the United Kingdom for Holland after Thursday. Ships from Holland will not be admitted to the United Kingdom after Thursday."

Naval Operations Expected.

London.—Impending operations in the North Sea are thought to be foreshadowed by the incursion of British submarines in Helgoland Bay and the embargo on all shipping between England and Holland. During the last week the activity of the German submarines has decreased to a marked degree, and incidentally British submarines, of which nothing had been heard for months, have put in an appearance and are apparently operating along the German coast and around Helgoland. The German admiral's report announcing these operations says that one of the British underwater craft was sunk on April 17.

Italy Sends Ultimatum.

Rome.—A report reached Rome from Petrograd that Italy had sent a note to Austria which virtually amounted to an ultimatum. The note is said to embody the minimum terms upon which Italy will consent to conclude an agreement with Austria.

General opinion in Rome is that an agreement may still be reached. Nevertheless, military preparations are being continued with the greatest energy along the frontier, where Austria is concentrating troops.

PAPER CAP ON ANNIVERSARY

Detroit Wife Resents Husband's Present and Ensuing Quarrel Leads to Arrest.

Detroit, Michigan.—"He bought me a paper cap with silver paper wings on our silver wedding anniversary and I flew right down here," said Mrs. William Corn to Justice Stein.

The woman had her husband arrested for disturbing the peace. She became angry when he gave her only the paper cap, while other relatives gave her a silver shower. An argument started at their home and continued until they reached her father's home, where the celebration was to be held. William was arrested.

"I told him I would go to see Judge Stein," the woman told the court. "The idea, after 25 years of married life, to get a paper cap and wings!"

Sentence was suspended on William's on his promise to be more considerate.

ENGLAND MAY AVOID STRIKE

Differences Between Miners and Employers to Be Taken Up in Conference.

London, England.—A compromise in the dispute between English miners and their employers, eliminating the danger of a strike, is expected as a result of action taken here. Intervention by the Board of Trade in the negotiations led to the holding in London of a conference among representatives of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain. Following this conference the federation officially requested the government to summon immediately a national conference of mine owners and miners.

It is taken for granted that this conference will result in a compromise between the demands of the men for an increase in wages of 20 per cent and the offer of the owners for a 10 per cent raise.

German Sea Raiders at Ball Game. Newport News, Va.—Officers of the German commerce destroyer Kronprinz Wilhelm were guests of honor at the opening of the Virginia League baseball season.

Battleship Commander Dead. Norfolk, Va.—Captain George Woods Logan, commander of the battleship Nebraska, is dead at the naval hospital at Portsmouth.

Called Him Shrimp. New York.—Opposing his wife's application for alimony pending the trial of her suit for separation, Solomon Begood, who is 5 feet tall, declared his spouse who is 6 feet tall, called him a little "shrimp," and said she was ashamed of him.

Chicago Rabbi Dead. Chicago.—Abraham Reuben Levy, 57 years old, founder of the Jewish Agriculture Aid Society and for 22 years a rabbi in Chicago, is dead at his home here.

HARD ON THE HEELS OF THE RUSSIANS



Here the German advance infantry has arrived at a town near Miawa, Poland, just in time to catch sight of a body of Cossacks who were quitting the place.

ASK FOR A LIFE SENTENCE

FRANK'S ATTORNEYS APPEAL TO GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA.

Claims That Evidence on Which He Was Convicted Was of Questionable Character.

Atlanta, Georgia.—Attorneys for Leo M. Frank have filed a petition with Gov. Slaton and the Georgia prison commission asking that the sentence of death imposed on Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan be commuted to life imprisonment.

Among the grounds set forth by Frank in his appeal for executive clemency are that he is innocent and that the principal evidence on which he was convicted was of "a questionable and unreliable character." His application, he states, does not undertake to set out in full the reasons for his appeal, but he asks permission to do so at the hearing before the prison commission.

The text of Frank's application follows in part:

"On Aug. 26, 1913, I was convicted in the superior court of Fulton county of murder and I am under sentence of death pronounced on said verdict. I ask that this sentence be commuted to life imprisonment on the following grounds:

"I am absolutely innocent of the crime of which I was convicted. My death would neither avenge it nor punish the real perpetrator. I have no personal knowledge of the crime other than the facts related by me in my statement at the trial.

"The main evidence on which I was convicted was of a questionable and unreliable character. My alleged guilt has not been established beyond a reasonable doubt, but, on the contrary, conflict of testimony, uncertainty and doubt still exist as to every material feature of the case against me."

TWILIGHT SLEEP IS BARRED

Two New York Hospitals Abandon Treatment as Too Many Infants Are Lost.

New York, N. Y.—The twilight sleep treatment in childbirth has been abandoned at the Polytechnic Medical School and Hospital in this city.

It has been abandoned, too, at the city hospital on Blackwell's Island, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the world.

At the Sloane Maternity Hospital, the method is being used only in a comparatively few, selected cases.

At the Jewish Maternity Hospital on East Broadway the use of the treatment has been so restricted as to apply to only about one-half of the women who formerly were considered eligible.

The mortality among infants brought into the world through this method is so great, that authorities agree that the treatment will soon be prohibited.

CONFERENCE ON ARBITRATION

Special Subjects to Be Considered by Mohonk Lake Gathering—War Causes Tabooed.

Mohonk Lake, New York.—Announcement was made that John Bassett Moore of Columbia University, formerly counselor of the state department, will preside over the 21st Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration to be held here May 19 to 21. There will be no discussion of the causes and conduct of the war in the form of direct criticism of specific policies or acts of any belligerent. Special subjects to come up will include "the possibilities of Pan-American influence for peace" and the "international regulation of armaments." The feasibility of a league of peace also will be given attention.

Ore Movement to Begin. Greenville, Pa.—The Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad will commence to move from 900 to 1,000 cars of iron ore or 42,000 tons daily from Conneaut Harbor, O., to the Pittsburgh district.

New Finance Plan for Travelers. New York.—A new plan of financing American travelers abroad with international letters of credit payable in dollars instead of pounds sterling has been announced by the Equitable Trust Co. of this city.

ALLIES ARE FORCED TO FALL BACK

GERMANS MAKE SUDDEN AND SUCCESSFUL DASH NEAR YPRES.

USE BOMBS FILLED WITH GAS

British and French War Offices Admit Reverses—Battle Believed to Be Beginning of Renewed Struggle in Belgium.

London.—A sudden dashing attack by German forces near Ypres has resulted in forcing back the allied lines and the capture of four villages and 1,600 French and British soldiers, the Berlin war office announced.

The attack was entirely unexpected and the Germans battled their way across the Ypres canal after a stubborn fight. The Paris official statement admits a reverse near Ypres, but says that some of the lost ground was retaken by a counter attack.

The Germans used asphyxiating bombs, the effect of which was felt for about a mile in the rear of the French trenches, the Paris report says.

It is believed here that these operations are only the commencement of another battle of Ypres.

The Germans forced the French to retire to the west side of the Ypres canal, a distance of approximately five miles.

As a result of the French retreat the British lines, according to Gen. French, remained intact except on the extreme left, where the British had to readjust their line in order to conform with the new French line.

Paris declares that no grave consequences have resulted from this German attack and adds that the British and French troops have made gains toward the north.

BAY RUM KILLS 2 DRINKERS

Bristol, Tenn., Merchant Destroys Stock of "Substitute" After the Tragedy.

Bristol, Pennsylvania.—Because two men to whom he sold bay rum, as a substitute for a more standard sort of liquor, died from its effects, the merchant declares he will never sell another drop of the stuff and has destroyed his entire stock of it.

The double tragedy is reported from North Holston, Va., 40 miles east of here. The victims were men of families.

Accuses Centralia Police Head.

Centralia, Mo.—Dr. A. W. Favel, a traveling veterinary surgeon here, and president of a medical company, filed charges against Chief of Police W. H. Baldridge, alleging that Baldridge assaulted him while attempting to make an arrest. He asks that Baldridge be ousted.

Sale of Furs Next Fall.

Washington.—Sale by the government of fur from the seals on Pribilof Islands, postponed from last fall will be held next fall. Secretary Redfield has discussed the situation with the president.

Soldier Had 47 Wounds.

London.—A Landwehrman who was wounded 47 times and in whose body there is still 10 pieces of shrapnel, is recovering at a hospital at Konigsberg.

Charged With Murder.

Douglas, Ga.—Mrs. Margaret Haskins was arrested here, charged with the murder of her husband, the Rev. Allen Haskins, a Baptist minister. The clergyman was killed with a shotgun as he slept at his home in Leliston, near here.

Train Kills Missourian.

Laclede, Ill.—Andrew E. Flick of Senath, Mo., was killed by an Illinois Central train here while attempting to cross the track ahead of it. He was 39 years old.

IMMIGRATION TO MISSOURI FALLS OFF

WAR DECREASED NUMBER OF INCOMING ALIENS 76 PER CENT.

ALL STATES ARE AFFECTED

Many Have Gone Back to Their Former Homes, as Wars and Rumors of Wars Have Shown Them the Need.

Jefferson City. The European war decreased foreign immigration into Missouri 76 per cent during the first eight months of its progress, according to Commissioner John T. Fitzpatrick of the bureau of labor statistics.

During the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1914, 13,781 men, women and children from Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Holland, Belgium, Austria and other foreign countries entered the United States with Missouri as their destination, a monthly alien influx average of 1,148. During eight months, commencing with the war and ending February 28, 1915, only 2,183 aliens arrived bound for this state, or an average of 275 a month.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, 2,744 foreigners left Missouri for their former homes in other countries, an average of 228 a month. For the period since the war commenced the Missouri average of those returning home was 155 a month, or 73 less than the departures before the war commenced.

Gone to Fair.

Gov. Major and other Missouri officials who are going to San Francisco to participate in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition departed Monday, the 26th, in the private car "Colonial." In the party were Gov. and Mrs. Major, Elliot W. Major, Jr., and Miss Major, Col. Horace D. Ramsey and Mrs. Ramsey, Commissioner W. A. Dallmeyer and Mrs. Dallmeyer, Commissioner John A. Cunningham and Commissioner Norman M. Vaughn.

The governor's party went west over the Missouri Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande and Southern Pacific, and will return over the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific, stopping at Colorado Springs, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, San Diego and other points of interest along the route.

At the exposition the governor and party will represent Missouri at the special "Missouri day" exercises, May 3, and will exploit Missouri both at the exposition and along the way, wherever they have opportunity.

Ozarks Boomed.

That the wondrous beauty of the Ozark region of Missouri would attract thousands of visitors to the state in the vacation season if properly exploited, is the belief of the senate committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a state park and creating an immense game preserve at one of the beauty spots which abound in this region.

The members of this committee are: Senators Buford of Reynolds county, Brunk and Brockan of St. Louis, Alle of Miller county, Carter of Clark county and Casey of Kansas City.

Can Issue Bonds.

The state public service commission has granted the application of the United Railways of St. Louis for authority to issue half a million dollars of bonds, bearing 4 per cent interest, and payable July 1, 1934, with which to take up a like amount of bonds issued by the old Southern Electric line, falling due May 1, 1916.

Board Has Returned.

The State Board of Prison Inspectors has returned from a visit to penitentiaries in Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts and New York, with a view to getting all the information possible along the line of operating state plants in the penitentiary.

Marshal Dead.

News of the death of Maj. J. H. Finks, marshal of the supreme court, was received here. He had been very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alsop, in Fayette, for several weeks. He was 77 years old and one of the most widely known Missourians in public life.

No Chance of Reappointment.

Friends of Frank A. Wightman, who resigned as member of the public service commission, say the resignation was offered only after he became convinced that Gov. Major would ignore the petitions of several thousand railroad men and others, and refuse to reappoint him.

Contractors have begun tearing down a historic old building in Jefferson City, in which Gen. U. S. Grant had his headquarters when he was connected with the Missouri division of the federal army during the civil war.

The State Board of Prison Inspectors has decided to start an overall factory in the penitentiary as a state plant. The Star Clothing Company is moving out of the prison and the state can start a factory with the men already drilled.

Forfeited Bonds Remitted.

After a conference with the proper officials, Gov. Major ordered the remission of two forfeited bonds in criminal cases and declined to remit the forfeited bond in another.

There has been some question raised as to the power of the governor to remit a forfeited bond, but Gov. Major says the statute is clear and that all of his predecessors have taken that view.

He declined to remit the \$1,500 forfeited bond of Harry Lasker, a pickpocket, who left St. Louis, went to West Virginia and is now serving a 10-year sentence in that state.

Sam Weisman, his bondsman, asked a remitter on the ground that Lasker, very obviously, could not be produced when wanted.

Carey L. Casey's \$1,200 bond was forfeited and he was brought back for trial. The state nolle the charge. His bondsman, George Scullin, need pay only the court costs and fees.

The other remitter was of bonds for John McHugh totaling \$3,000, Charles L. Geraghty being the surety. McHugh, "an icebox" robber, was recaptured and is now serving a long term in the penitentiary. Geraghty must pay all of the court costs and fees due the circuit attorney.

Centennial Celebration.

The first step toward the celebration of Missouri's Centennial of Statehood was taken when a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the board of directors of the Missouri Historical Society to officially consider the question.

No definite plan was suggested, as the celebration is not to be held until 1918.

The announcement of the plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Missouri as a state followed formal election of officers.

It was decided at the meeting to celebrate, next year, the semi-centennial of the founding of the Missouri Historical Society.

"The formal proclamation of the president of the United States recognizing Missouri as a state," said a member in speaking of the proposed celebration, it was felt should be held under the auspices of the Missouri Historical Society, "was not issued until August 31, 1821."

"But the petition for the admission to statehood was presented to congress January 8, 1818. For three years and six months the struggle over the admission of Missouri was the chief issue before congress."

Lined With Limestone.

Missouri's new state capitol is to be lined with Burlington limestone instead of plaster, as originally planned, and is to have a terrace, the design of which has not been determined.

These two important decisions were reached at a protracted meeting of the Missouri capitol commission, headed by E. W. Stephens and Tracey Swartzout, architect. In addition, it was virtually agreed that the columns in the new capitol shall be of American marble and granite, the former to be used in the senate and the latter in the house.

Mr. Stephens is jubilant over the prospects of being able to have the building ready for occupancy in 1916.

Missourians to Gather at Fair.

Adjutant General John B. O'Meara has departed for San Francisco to meet the exposition commission, Maj. Gen. Arthur Murray, commanding the Western Division of the United States Army, and the Adjutant General of California, to make arrangements for the Missouri Day celebration, May 3, and the reception of Gov. Major.

It is estimated that 25,000 former citizens of the state will visit the Fair on that day.

Gen. Murray is a Pike County man from Bowling Green and a personal friend of Gov. Major. He has sent assurances to Gen. O'Meara that he will do all in his power to make the occasion a memorable one.

State Board Fails to Meet.

For the second time Secretary of State Cornelius Roach convened by himself as the state board of equalization to assess the public service corporations of the state for the present year's taxes. The law requires this board to convene the third Tuesday in April each year. Roach was the only member of the board in the city. Governor Major is available after an absence of 16 days, but even his presence will not make a quorum. The other three members of the board are:

Blind Workers Encouraged.

Since the creation by the last legislature of a commission to look into the condition and needs of the blind in Missouri, workers of the Missouri Association for the Blind and blind men and women conversant with local affairs and finances are hopeful.

This should be the greatest tribute the Missouri Blind Association can pay itself—its cheerful willingness to have men of the commission look into its affairs. It is hopeful for an appropriation after an investigation.

Four Sites for Preserve.

There is much in the report of the committee selected to investigate sites offered for a proposed state park game preserve that will strike a responsive chord in the breast of every sportsman in Missouri.

The committee recommended four sites that could be purchased at a reasonable figure. One is Ha-Ha-Tonka Park, in Camden county; another a great tract of wild land in Reynolds county. The third is in Iron county near Arcadia, and the fourth in Crawford.

MOSLEMS SLAY 1,500 ARMENIANS

EVERY CITIZEN IN 10 VILLAGES SLAUGHTERED BY SAVAGE MOHAMMEDANS.

DISEASE INVADES MISSION

Babies Tossed Into Streams by Frenzied Mothers Who Sought to End Their Misery—Many Refugees Frozen.

Tiflis, Transcaucasia.—Refugees who have reached the Russian line and report the massacre of 1,500 Armenians by Mohammedans, say the atrocities are being continued on even a greater scale.

They say all the inhabitants of 10 villages near Van, in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, have been put to death.

Girl Helps Defenders.

Not all the Christians lacked the courage or means for self-defense. At the desolated Catholic mission at Horova, where 48 victims were buried, Elizabeth Macara, an Armenian girl, told how she and young David Ishnu battled with the Kurds. Her story was confirmed.

2,000 Die in American Mission.

Dilman, Persia.—The exodus of 30,000 Armenians and Nestorian Christians from Azerbaijan provinces, the massacre of over 1,500 of those who were unable to flee, the death from disease of 2,000 in the compounds of the American mission in Urmiah and possibly of an equal number of refugees in the Caucasus have been confirmed.

Passport Difficulties.

Arriving at Jaffa on the Russian border passport difficulties added to the troubles of the fleeing people. Maddened women threw their children into the Araxes river or into the pools to end their sufferings from cold and hunger.

Father De Cross had to put his back against a wall to fight off the mob when he began to distribute the food. The mud and cold and the shelterless nights, during which the garments of the refugees were frozen, continued for three weeks until the people were slowly dispersed.

Court Ruling to Close Saloons.

Port Smith, Ark.—A decision of Judge Paul Little in the circuit court here is expected to result in the permanent closing of all saloons in Port Smith on August 1. Prohibitionists had appealed from action of the county court in granting saloon licenses, and Judge Little ruled the saloons' petitions did not bear signature of a majority of the white adults as the state law requires.

Canal Operated at Loss.

Washington, D. C.—The Panama canal has been operated at a loss of about 10 per cent for the first eight months of its use, according to official figures received here. There are indications, however, that in a few months this loss will be reduced to less than 5 per cent.

Two Indicted in Bank Failure.

Duquoin, Ill.—The grand jury at the April term of the Duquoin city court, which has been in session for two weeks, returned indictments against Henry Horn, Jr., cashier of the defunct bank of Duquoin of Henry Horn, and Frank Wells, an assistant in the bank. Horn and Wells are charged with embezzlement.

Kidnaper Slain.

London, England.—The Sofia correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Co., says that Yanne Sandansky, the Macedonian brigand leader, who gained notoriety in 1901 through the kidnaping and holding of Miss Ellen Stone, an American missionary, has been slain by unknown persons.

Bank of France Releases \$1,000,000.

Paris.—The Bank of this country has released 5,000,000 francs (\$1,000,000) to the Bank of England for transmission to New York to assist in steadying the exchange.

Invents Chinch Bug Killer.

Virden, Ill.—J. W. Swires, a contractor and carpenter, has invented a machine to kill chinch bugs. The machine is built on the plan of a vacuum cleaner.

Joseph B. Foraker, Jr., Dies.

New York.—Joseph Benson Foraker, Jr., son of former Senator Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio, died in his cottage at Manhattan Beach. He had been ill six months.

April Fool Joker Indicted.

Evansville, Ind.—James Pooley, who was alleged to have shot and killed Frank Stein in a saloon here April 1 while trying to play an April fool joke, was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of manslaughter.

Illinois Hotel Is Sold.

Johnston, City, Illinois.—James H. Mulhall, proprietor of the Mulhall Hotel, has sold the property to George Hedley, who will take charge about May 15. Mr. Mulhall will manage the Saline Hotel at Harrisburg.